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*USSR - Communist China - Cuba: The TASS announcement of the 4 November meeting between Mikoyan and Cuban leaders gave no details on the matters discussed or any indication of how much longer Mikoyan will remain in Cuba.

Soviet propaganda indicates that the USSR will seek to restrict as much as possible on-site UN verification and supervision of dismantling and removal of Soviet missiles from Cuba.

A related theme touched upon in propaganda is an insistence on respect for Cuban sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of that country, implying strongly that inspection would be an infringement of Cuban sovereignty.

Radio Moscow has reiterated vague references to Soviet support for Cuba and warned against the assumption that a rift has appeared between the USSR and Cuba.

Communist China continues to give vociferous support to Castro and his five demands. At the same time, Peiping's criticism of Soviet Cuban policy is becoming less guarded and more specific in its charges, in a People's Daily editorial, of "an appeasement policy" toward the US. Scorning the "Munich scheme against the

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Cuban people," the editorial declared that support of Castro's five demands is "the obligatory... duty of the people of all socialist countries."

Numerous mass rallies in support of Cuba have taken place in China, and Chou en-lai publicly reaffirmed Chinese solidarity with Castro and the Cuban people.

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Venezuela: The Venezuelan Government affirms that the most recent sabotage against US-owned oil installations in Venezuela was part of the Communist reaction to the US blockade against Cuba.

Venezuelan Foreign Minister Falcon has announced that he will today present to the OAS proof of Cuban involvement in the sabotage of several US oil company pipelines in eastern Venezuela on 3 November, and in the earlier incidents in the Lake Maracaibo oil fields. The Cuban press has given credit for the sabotage to "Army of Liberation guerrilla forces."

President Betancourt has tightened security measures to prevent further extremist outbreaks in the oil regions and elsewhere. Arrests of Communist labor union leaders continue, and the government has requested the oil companies to fire Communist employees. The army has called up 5,000 reservists to strengthen the regular armed forces, which remain fully mobilized.

While the Communist efforts to organize pro-Castro demonstrations have failed, further isolated acts of terrorism in support of Cuba are likely.

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